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#### **CENTRAL VALLEY WATER BOARD EXECUTIVE OFFICER ISSUES \$600,000 COMPLAINT TO AL NATICCHIONI AND KEN KNIGHTEN FOR STORM WATER VIOLATIONS IN THE CITY OF SHASTA LAKE**

The Central Valley Water Board Executive Officer issued an Administrative Civil Liability Complaint to Al Naticchioni and Ken Knighten in Redding in the amount of \$600,000 for violations of a construction storm water permit.

Al Naticchioni and Ken Knighten are owners and developers of Dee Creek Manor a 90-acre construction project in Shasta Lake. The site is being developed into residential homes. Runoff from the site discharges to Salt Creek and Churn Creek, which are tributary to the Sacramento River. Storm water violations occurred on several occasions during the 2004-2005 and 2005-2006 wet season that resulted in water quality impacts to Salt Creek and Churn Creek.

Al Naticchioni and Ken Knighten initially failed to implement construction storm water of Best Management Practices (BMPs) to comply with its storm water construction permit. Violations occurred due to their failure to properly maintain and operate the BMPs in a manner to protect water quality. Violations included the discharge of sediment-laden storm water into Salt and Churn Creek from October 2004 through May 2005 and again from November 2005 through February 2006. Prior to these discharges, a number of BMP maintenance problems were observed at the site. The discharge of sediment-laden storm water impacted the water quality of Salt Creek and Churn Creek. City of Shasta Lake issued Notice of Violations (NOV) in October 2004 and November 2005 to Al Naticchioni and Ken Knighten failing to comply with the City's grading ordinance. They were also issued NOVs in November 2004 and January 2005 by the Regional Board for failure to provide an effective combination of erosion and sediment control and for the discharge of sediment-laden storm water to surface waters.

The City of Shasta Lake holds a municipal storm water permit that requires inspection of construction sites and coordination with the Regional Water Board. In compliance with its municipal permit, the City of Shasta Lake worked with the Water Board to identify and document the violations by Al Naticchioni and Ken Knighten.

The Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board may consider the complaint at its regular board meeting on October 26 or 27, 2006.